APPENDIX A – Replacement Summary

Summary

Offered is a system for helping a user select among program options, comprising: a first device programmed to accept information from the user on programming preferences; a database which accepts and stores programming preference information from the collecting client; a server which combines information from the database with listings information and formats that information for presentation to the user; and a second device which accepts the formatted listings information from the server and presents it to the user. In one embodiment the system may have at least two first devices. In another embodiment the first device may be the same as the second device. In a further embodiment the presenting client does not run on the same device as the server. In still a further embodiment the clients communicate with the server over a wide area network. In still a further embodiment the formatted listings information is presented in the form of a user preference grid.

A method of presenting program listings information in a two dimensional grid is offered, the method comprising the steps of: creating a two dimensional grid where one axis represents the time slots in which programs are available and a second axis represents a suggested preference order of the programs in each time slot; and displaying the grid to a user.

Also offered is a computer user interface for presenting programming listings information comprising: instructions for creating a two dimensional grid where one axis represents the time slots in which programs are available and a second axis represents a suggested preference order of the programs in each time slot; and instructions for displaying the grid to a user. In one embodiment the suggested preference order is determined, at least in part, based on personal preference information. In another embodiment the computer user interface further comprising instructions to select a program and have all conflicting program options eliminated from the grid.

Also offered is a displayed time-by-suggested preference program grid.

Also offered is a data structure programmed to represent a time-by-suggested preference program grid.

Also offered is a device for displaying a program grid to a user, the device programmed to: receive program preference information; and display a grid of programs with time as a first axis and suggested preference as a second axis. In another embodiment the device is further programmed to: receive information on available programs; and generate the display of the grid from the program preference information and the information on available programs. In a further embodiment the program preference information is received from a user. In still a further embodiment the program preference information is received from a server.

Also offered is a server for generating program preference information, the server programmed to: send and receive program preference information; send and receive information on available programs; and generate and send data sufficient to create a grid of programs with time as a first axis and suggested preference as a second axis.

APPENDIX B – Marked Up Replacement Summary

Summary

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Offered is a system for helping a user select among program options, comprising: a first device programmed to accept information from the user on programming preferences; a database which accepts and stores programming preference information from the collecting client; a server which combines information from the database with listings information and formats that information for presentation to the user; and a second device which accepts the formatted listings information from the server and presents it to the user. In one embodiment the system may have at least two first devices. In another embodiment the first device may be the same as the second device. In a further embodiment the presenting client does not run on the same device as the server. In still a further embodiment the clients communicate with the server over a wide area network. In still a further embodiment the formatted listings information is presented in the form of a user preference grid.

A method of presenting program listings information in a two dimensional grid is offered, the method comprising the steps of: creating a two dimensional grid where one axis represents the time slots in which programs are available and a second axis represents a suggested preference order of the programs in each time slot; and displaying the grid to a user.

Also offered is a computer user interface for presenting programming listings information comprising: instructions for creating a two dimensional grid where one axis represents the time slots in which programs are available and a second axis represents a suggested preference order of the programs in each time slot; and instructions for displaying the grid to a user. In one embodiment the suggested preference order is determined, at least in part, based on personal preference information. In another embodiment the computer user interface further comprising instructions to select a program and have all conflicting program options eliminated from the grid.

Also offered is a displayed time-by-suggested preference program grid.

Also offered is a data structure programmed to represent a time-by-suggested preference program grid.

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Also offered is a device for displaying a program grid to a user, the device programmed to: receive program preference information; and display a grid of programs with time as a first axis and suggested preference as a second axis. In another embodiment the device is further programmed to: receive information on available programs; and generate the display of the grid from the program preference information and the information on available programs. In a further embodiment the program preference information is received from a user. In still a further embodiment the program preference information is received from a server.

Also offered is a server for generating program preference information, the server programmed to: send and receive program preference information; send and receive information on available programs; and generate and send data sufficient to create a grid of programs with time as a first axis and suggested preference as a second axis.